

II. Preliminary Amendment

Please add new claims 29-30 as follows:

29. (New) A method of forming an aperture in a blood vessel, comprising:

inserting a penetration head into a wall of a blood vessel; and

advancing a cutting base against said blood vessel while not applying a contra force to said blood vessel via said penetration head.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein advancing comprises advancing using rotational motion.

III. Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to add new claims 29-30. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 29-30 are fully supported by the original specification and drawings and add no new matter.

Entry of this Amendment is hereby respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

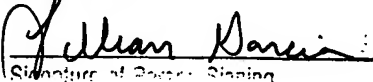


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